various concerned Ministries/Departregarding implementation of the recommendations.

Objectives of Agro-service Centres

2320. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the number of Agro-Service Centres established in the country from 1971-72 till date;

(b) the objects for which these centres were equipped for;

(c) whether all of these Agro-Service Centres are running successfully; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor;

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND COOPERATION IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI SHYAM LAL YADAV): (a) 3036.

(b) The objectives of Agro Service Centres were: custom hiring of agricultural machinery, repairs and maintenance of agricultural machinery including irrigation equipments; and supply of agricultural inputs like fertilisers, seeds, spare parts for farm machinery and tools.

(c) No, Sir.

(d) The reasons for some of the Centres not doing well were low turnover, reliance on one activity, mainly of custom hiring of tractors, and poor management.

Recommendations of the Revenue Ministers' Conference

2321. SHRI N. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) what were the specific recommendations of the Revenue Ministers Conference held in May, 1985 and confirmed in November, 1986;

(b) which are the State Governments having already implemented the recommendations; and

(c) what steps are being taken to ensure implementation of the recommendations throughout the country?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF RURAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE (SHRI JANARDHAN POOJARI): (a) Among the items of consensus emerging from Revenue Ministers Conference held in May, 1985 which were also reiterated in the Conference held in November, 1986 the important ones relate to bringing oral/ informal tenants and share-croppers on record and confering ownership right on them, stricter definition of 'personal cultivation', strengthening of legal provisions and administrative arrangements for checking alienation of tribal land, stricter implementation of ceiling laws and other measures to have more land for distribution, setting up of special tribunals under Article 323-B of the Constitution for disposal of ceiling cases pending in High Courts, modernisation and updating of land records, etc.

(b) Land being a State subject under the Constitution, the responsibility for initiating necessary action in pursuance of various points contained in the consensus rests with the States. However, the response from States in respect of follow up action pertaining to consensus has not been very satisfactory so far.

(c) A programme of action focussing on improving the access of rural poor to land is proposed to be taken up in consultation with States. The items being considered for inclusion in this programme are also those recommended by the Revenue Ministers such as bringing oral/informal tenants on record, verification of possession in respect of SC/ST allottees of surplus ceiling and other lands, providing